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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| | CURRENT WEEK 12/02/00 | PREVIOUS WEEK 11/25/00 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRO-FRY | 156,959 | 117,382 |
| LT HENS | 1,874 | 1,040 |
| HVY HENS | 1,426 | 960 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 25-NOV-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| HEAD | 425 | 0 | 425 |
| LAST WEEK | 220 | 0 | 220 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 332 | 7 | 339 |
| TO DATE 2000 | 21,072 | 365 | 21,437 |
| TO DATE 1999 | 21,487 | 274 | 21,761 |

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------|
| HEAD | 1,559 | 944 | 2,503 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,078 | 1,411 | 3,489 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 1,696 | 853 | 2,549 |
| TO DATE 2000 | 109,647 | 68,251 | 177,898 |
| TO DATE 1999 | 118,116 | 66,581 | 184,697 |

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 25-NOV-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| HEAD | 111,581 (A) | 1,134 | 944 | 2,078 |
| AVG WT | 5.20 | 3.45 | 8.09 | 5.56 |
| LAST WEEK | 148,934 | 1,858 | 1,411 | 3,269 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 109,769 | 1,364 | 846 | 2,210 |
| AVG WT | 4.97 | 3.53 | 7.92 | 5.21 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 7,225,409 | 88,575 | 67,886 | 156,461 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 7,087,305 | 96,629 | 66,307 | 162,936 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 143.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 112.9 million head or 30.3 million head more than or 79 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE (B) RETAIL (C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN 4.21-5.25 LBS 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HEAD | 23,915 | 26,502 | 38,173 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.76 | 4.78 | 6.21 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 27% | 30% | 43% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 33,346 | 28,219 | 39,933 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.77 | 4.82 | 6.22 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 33% | 28% | 39% |
| SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2 | 34,346 | 24,337 | 32,683 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.83 | 4.80 | 6.27 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 38% | 26% | 36% |
| TO DATE/1998 | 1,508,091 | 1,534,119 | 1,861,904 |
| TO DATE/1997 | 1,466,347 | 1,429,444 | 1,871,491 |

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-NOV-00
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG (B) HENS | TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD BREEDERS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| HEAD | 1,133 | 1,778 | 41 | 11 | 2,963 |
| AVG WT | 15.25 | 34.53 | 23.80 | 27.88 | 26.98 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 2,678 | 3,100 | 33 | 0 | 5,811 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 3,289 (C) | | 21 | 46 | 3,356 |
| AVG WT | 26.89 (C) | | 27.62 | 26.15 | 27.03 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 229,676 (C) | | 1,574 | 1,189 | 232,439 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 229,250 (C) | | 717 | 1,691 | 231,658 |

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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